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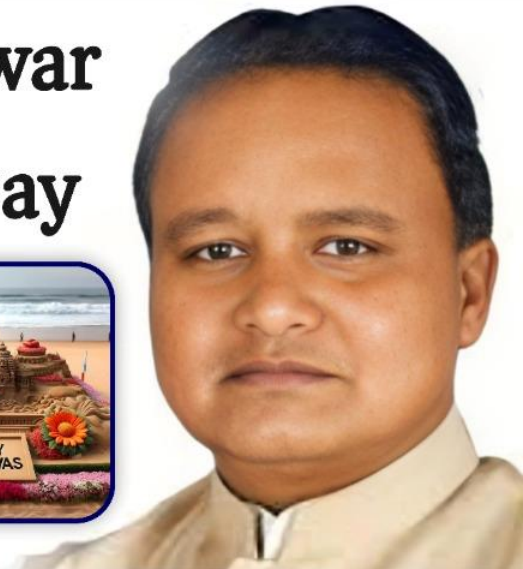
 1st Silicon Carbide Facility-Bhubaneswar

 Utkal Diwas 2024-89th Foundation Day

 6th PVTG-Mankidia community

 Lanjia Saura painting-GI Tag

 India's first rice ATM-Annapurti



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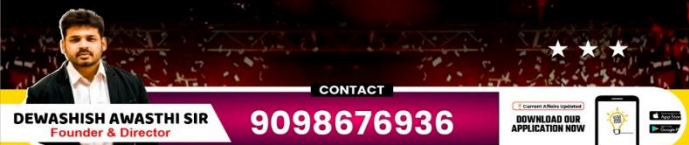
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Odisha clinched 14th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship



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5th National EMRS Cultural & Literary Fest & Kala Utsav in Bhubaneswar



The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held
from January 8-10, 2025, in Bhubaneswar.



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Cyclone Dana

Formed over	Bay Of Bengal
Name Given By	Qatar
Date	Oct 2024

Impact – Odisha & West Bengal



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India's first indoor athletics stadium and aquatic center at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.



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Indian Rare Earth Limited (IREL) has signed an agreement with a Kazakhstan-based Compay to develop Titanium in Odisha.



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INDIAN NAVY OPERATIONAL DEMONSTRATION 2024

The Indian Navy is set to showcase its maritime capabilities at an Operational Demonstration scheduled **at Blue Flag Beach, Puri, Odisha.**

Navy Day 04 Dec 2024.

Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest for the event.





The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the **Regional Level Pollution Response Exercise (Re-PREX-24)** at Paradip, Odisha.



Twenty-four coastal villages in Odisha have been recognized as **'Tsunami Ready'** by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO.





Odisha won the first prize in the Best State category at the **5th National Water Awards (2023)**, as announced by the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation.



Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over the first **AL-31FP Aero Engine**, manufactured under a 240-engine contract, to the Indian Air Force (IAF) at **Koraput, Odisha**.



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Union cabinet approves creation of presiding officer post for **full-time special tribunal at Talcher coalfield**

This decision is aimed at ensuring the **effective and speedy disposal of cases** related to land acquisition and compensation in **the Talcher coalfield.**



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Odisha government launched the **Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA)** programme to strengthen the higher education landscape in the state.

Under this initiative, the central government will contribute **Rs 500 crore** towards the development and infrastructure of higher education institutions across Odisha.



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Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying launched the **fish variety Amrit Catla** at **ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA)**, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



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CM-KISAN Yojana, launched by the Odisha government, provides financial aid to farmers not covered by the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana**.

The financial aid under this scheme will be provided in two phases.

Farmers will receive **Rs 4,000, in 2 Installment**.

The primary beneficiaries of the CM-KISAN Yojana are landless farmers who were previously excluded from the [PM-KISAN scheme](#).

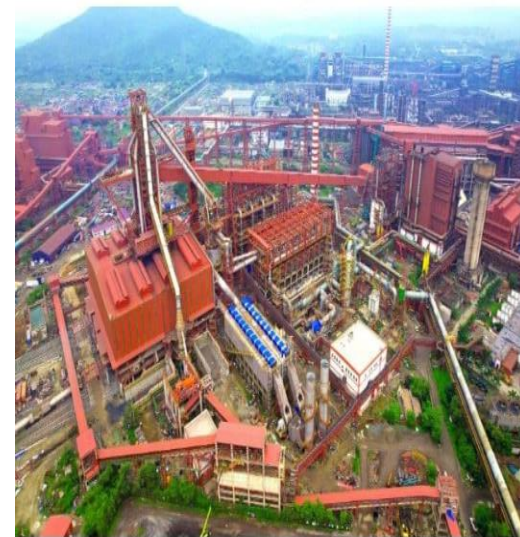
KALIA" scheme (Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation)





Tata Steel Limited successfully commissioned India's largest blast furnace at its **Kalinganagar facility in Odisha.**

India's first silicon carbide manufacturing facility will be set up in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**





Mankidia Community

The Mankidia community has become the **6th particularly vulnerable tribal group (PVTG)** to get habitat rights over forests in Odisha.

Other PVTGs include Paudi Bhuyan, Juang, Saora, Chuktia Bhunjia, and Hill Khadia.





Subhadra Yojana

About

This scheme is a flagship scheme of Government of Odisha. It was launched on 17th September 2024.

Purpose

Financial assistance aimed at empowering women in Odisha, ensuring their economic independence and overall well-being.



Launched by the Prime Minister of India in Odisha.





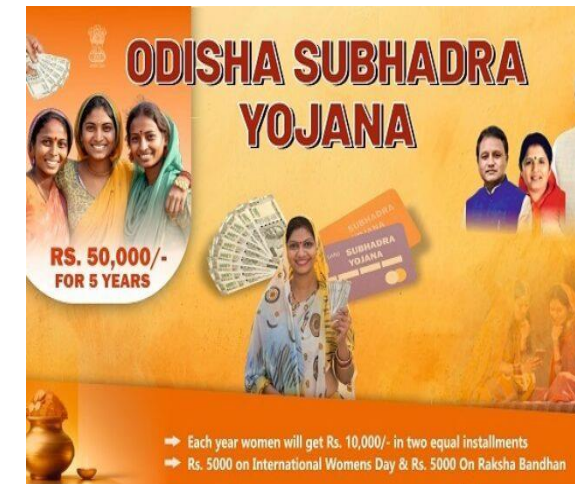
Eligibility Criteria

- 1) Women must be aged 21–60
- 2) She must be native to Odisha

Key Features of the Scheme

1. **Financial Support:** The scheme provides Rs 10,000 per year to over one crore women in Odisha from 2024 to 2029 i.e 50k / Year
2. **Payment Schedule:** Funds are distributed in two installments of Rs 5,000 each—on Rakhi Purnima (August) and International Women's Day (March 8).

The total budget allocation for this scheme is **Rs 55,825 crore**





KIIT University Granted UN ECOSOC Special Consultative Status

Kalinga Institute of Industrial
Technology (KIIT), Odisha

It puts KIIT in a special group of
global institutions that are
**committed to achieving the
Sustainable Development
Goals (SDGs).**





KIIT Partners With United Nations to Offer Students Opportunities to Serve in UN Agencies

KIIT signed an MoU with the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme on 8th April 2024.

This historic collaboration paves the way for KIIT students to engage directly with the United Nations, offering them a platform to serve as National UN Volunteers across various UN agencies.





The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully tested a **Long-Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) named GAURAV** during its maiden flight from a Su-30 MK-I platform off the coast of **Odisha**.



DRDO Successfully Test Long Range Glide Bomb 'GAURAV' From Su-30 MK-1





Odisha has become the **third state in India, after Bihar and Kerala**, to announce menstrual leave for working women in both public and private sectors.

India's first rice ATM, '**Annapurti**', was inaugurated in Odisha.



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India's first tagging of horseshoe crabs kicked off by Zoological Survey of India and Odisha Forest Dept.



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The festival '**Raja Parba**' has been recently celebrated in Odisha.



The Odisha government will extend its sponsorship of Hockey India until **2036**.





Bali Jatra – The biggest Open-Air festival in India

Bali Jatra is one of the most important festivals for the people of Odisha.

Held in Cuttack





<u>Governor</u>	<u>Raghubar Das</u>
New <u>Chief minister</u>	<u>Mohan Charan Majhi (BJP)</u>
<u>Deputy chief minister</u>	<u>Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo (BJP)</u> <u>Pravati Parida (BJP)</u>
<u>Assembly</u>	<u>Odisha Legislative Assembly (147 seats)</u>
<u>Rajya Sabha</u>	<u>10 seats</u>
<u>Lok Sabha</u>	<u>21 seats</u>





World's **First Melanistic Tiger Safari** in Odisha

Near the [Similipal](#) Tiger Reserve (STR).

Mayurbhanj District





Samaleswari Temple Area Management and Local Economy Initiatives (SAMALEI) project was inaugurated in Sambalpur Odisha



ACME Group in India and IHI Corporation of Japan signed an agreement to supply green ammonia from **Odisha to Japan**.





The Shree Mandir Parikrama
Prakalpa project was inaugurated
around Jagannath Temple, Puri in Odisha.



The 76th Dhanuyatra has begun
in Bargarh, Odisha. (Open-air
theatre)





LABHA' (Laghu Bana Jatya Drabya Kraya) Scheme

Odisha launches the 'LABHA' scheme, a **100% state-funded Minimum Support Price initiative for Minor Forest Produce (MFP)**.





Odisha's tableau won the **first prize** in the judge's choice category during the **75th Republic Day Parade 2024** (Kartavya Path, New Delhi).





Geographical Indication (GI) Tag

- 1) Lanjia Saura painting
- 2) Dungaria Kondh embroidered shawl
- 3) Dhenkanal Magji (food)
- 4) Similipal Kai Chutney





4) Nayagarh Kanteimundi Brinjal

5) Koraput Kalajeera Rice

6) Khajudi Guda (jaggery).

7) Silver filigree (Rupa Tarakasi)





Malkangiri Airport was inaugurated in Odisha.



NLC India Limited awarded Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) a contract for a 2,400 MW **greenfield thermal power plant in Jharsuguda district, Odisha.**





Kalahandi University has been renamed Maa Manikeswari University in Odisha.



Odisha Mining Corporation Limited has been awarded the **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2023** in the “Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility” category.

OMC

Odisha Mining
Corporation Limited





The fourth National Chilika Birds Festival 2024 was held in Odisha.



PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) India Limited's Talabira Thermal power project worth Rs 27,000 crore in **Sambalpur district, Odisha.**





The Odisha government has increased the pension amount by Rs 500 under the **Madhu Babu Pension Yojana**.

New Monthly Amounts:

Age up to 79: Rs 1,000

Age 80 and above: Rs 1,200

60% or more disability and above 80 years: Rs 1,400





Gupteswar Forest in Koraput district, Odisha, has been declared a biodiversity heritage Site (BHS).



Odisha government has decided to provide **interest-free loans up to Rs 1 lakh to youths** under the new scheme 'Swayam' (Swatantra Yuva Udyami).

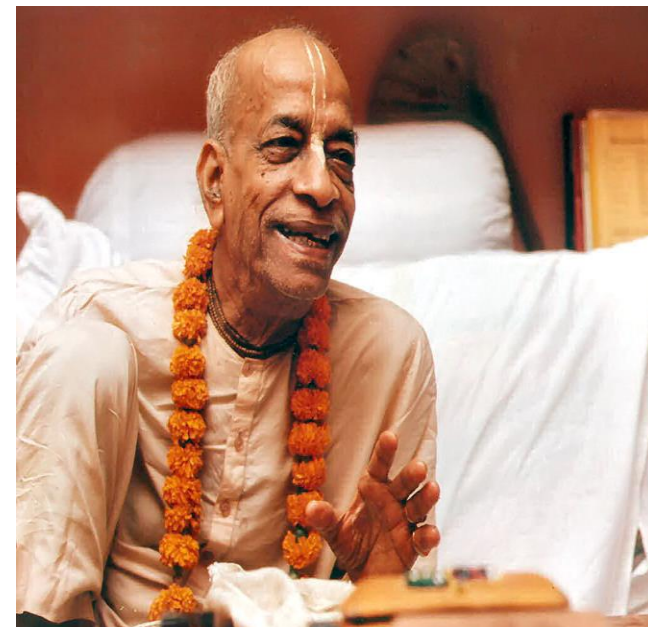




Acharya Srila Prabhupada

PM Narendra Modi attended the program commemorating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Acharya Srila Prabhupada ji **at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.**

Acharya Srila Prabhupada was born on February 6, 1874, in **Puri, Odisha**, and founded the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).





The Odisha government has introduced the **Nua-O scholarship** scheme for undergraduate and postgraduate students.



Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated **India's first Skill India Centre (SIC) in Sambalpur, Odisha.**





Utkal Divas

Utkal Divas (89th Odisha Foundation Day)
was celebrated on 1 April.

On this day in the year 1936, Odisha
became an independent state.





Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the first Make in India **Approved Standardized Tug Design & Specifications (ASTDS)** bollard pull tug named 'Ocean Grace' at Paradip Port, Odisha, developed by Cochin Shipyard Limited.

Note - Tugs are special boats that assist other vessels into and out of port.





Adani Ports acquires **95% of Odisha's Gopalpur Port** from SP Group for Rs 3,080 crore.



PM Narendra Modi mentioned the **'Goat Bank' initiative (Manikstu Agro)** in his Mann Ki Baat's **110th episode**. The **'Goat Bank'** initiative was launched in Kalahandi district, Odisha.



The story of
**Manikastu
Goat Bank
initiative**



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1) Defence & Military Exercise

1. First space defense exercise 'Antariksh Abhyas 2024'

- Defence Space Agency under the Ministry of Defence conducted India's first-ever Space Exercise 'Antariksha Abhyas' in New Delhi.



2. Harimau Shakti 2024

- India and Malaysia
- At Banting Camp in Pahang district of Malaysia.



3. 'National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise' (SAREX-24) - Kochi



4. CINBAX 2024 (1st Edition)

- India-Cambodia's
- Pune, Maharashtra.



Military Exercise Name	Type	Countries/ Conducted By	Location
Naseem-Al-Bahr	Bilateral Naval Exercise	India and Oman	Coast of Goa
SIMBEX 2024 31st edition	Maritime Bilateral Exercise	India and Singapore	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

2. National News

1. Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs).

- SBI, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank



2. Google has announced to set up India's first Google Safety Engineering Centre in



3. 59th 'All India Director General of Police' and 'Inspector General Conference' - Bhubaneswar.



4. Mahabodhi Utsav 2024 - Sanchi MP



5. First modern, self-sustaining Gaushala with a state-of-the-art Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant - Gwalior , MP



6. First all-women battalion of the Central Industrial Security Force



7. India leads the G20 with 7% GDP growth



3. National Appointments

1. 'Comptroller and Auditor General' (CAG) of India

- K Sanjay Murthy



2. Sanjay Malhotra to replace Shaktikanta Das as RBI Governor

- 26th Governor . His appointment, for three years, will take effect on December 11.
- Sanjay Malhotra is now the Revenue Secretary.



3. Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- India's Ashish Khanna has been appointed as the third Director General of ISA at the 7th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly held in New Delhi.



4. President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

- Harsh Vardhan Agarwal



5. Chief Minister of Jharkhand

- Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Hemant Soren take oath as the new Chief Minister of Jharkhand.



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Which country has won the ISSA Good Practice Award 2024 for Asia and the Pacific region?

- A. India
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Japan



Ans - (a) India

- India has recently received the ISSA Good Practice Award for Asia and Pacific 2024, which was presented at the Regional Social Security Forum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- This award was given to India for the innovative activities of EPFO. Best practices in the interest of workers

Which neighboring country of India has recently signed an agreement on the Belt and Road Plan with China?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Pakistan
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Nepal



Ans - (D) Nepal

Google has announced to set up India's first Google Safety Engineering Centre in which city?

- A. Bangalore
- B. Thiruvananthapuram
- C. Chennai
- D. Hyderabad



Ans - (D) Hyderabad

Which airline ranked 103rd out of 109 in the 2024 AirHelp Score report?

- a) Air India
- b) IndiGo
- c) Turkish Airlines
- d) Ryanair



Ans (b) IndiGo

- IndiGo Airlines ranked 103rd out of 109 in the 2024 AirHelp Score report, placing it among the worst-performing airlines globally.

Which country's Prime Minister Michel Barnier was removed in a confidence vote?

- a) Germany
- b) France
- c) Italy
- d) Spain



Ans (b) France

- French Prime Minister Michel Barnier's government was removed through a no-confidence vote, marking it as the shortest-serving administration in the history of the French Fifth Republic.

Nurse Maria Victoria Juan has been honoured with the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024. She is from which country?

- (a) India
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Philippines



Ans (d) Philippines

- Nurse Maria Victoria Juan from Philippines Wins the Prestigious Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2024

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